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SUBJECT: MARTIAL LAW IN ISFAHAN; DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHIRAZ.

1. SUMMARY. ISFAHAN PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW AFTER HOURS OF MAJOR DISORDERS. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SHOOTINGS IN SHIRAZ AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSUL MCGAFFEY IN ISFAHAN HAS INFORMED US THAT ISFAHAN WAS PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 11. CURFEW ANNOUNCED FOR 8:00PM. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT ANY GROUP LARGER THAN THREE PERSONS WILL BE STOPPED AND SEARCHED; POSSESSION OF ANYTHING CONSIDERED A WEAPON WILL RESULT IN TRIAL UNDER MARTIAL LAW FOR TERRORISM. SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY FORCES ARE DEPLOYED IN CITY.

3. LARGE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ALERTED IN LATE MORNING BY CONSULATE OF TROUBLE IN CITY AND ADVISED TO STAY HOME. CONSUL NOW ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY AWARE OF MARTIAL LAW REGIME ENFORCEMENT OF CURFEW. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT SOME AMERICANS WERE CAUGHT UP IN DEMONSTRATIONS BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF INJURIES.

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4. ACCORDING TO MCGAFFEY, STORY IN ISFAHAN IS THAT POLICE TRIED TO END AT 0100 TO 0200 THIS MORNING A HUMGER STRIKE OF MULLAHS DEMANDING RELEASE OF MULLAH TAHERI. THIS ACTION WAS FOLLOWED BY WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS; MILITARY FORCES CALLED IN TO SUPPORT POLICE AND THERE HAS BEEN FAIRLY WIDESPREAD FIRING IN CITY. SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED OR WOUNDED ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES.

5. POLICE SECURITY AROUND CONSULATE HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED.

6. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF POLICE FIRING IN SHIRAZ LATE
AFTERNOON AUGUST 10 AGAINST MOB WHICH HAD EMERGED FROM MOSQUE.
ACCORDING TO VICE CONSUL, SHIRAZ IS QUIET AT THIS TIME.

7. TABRIZ IS QUIET AND WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN TEHRAN.
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